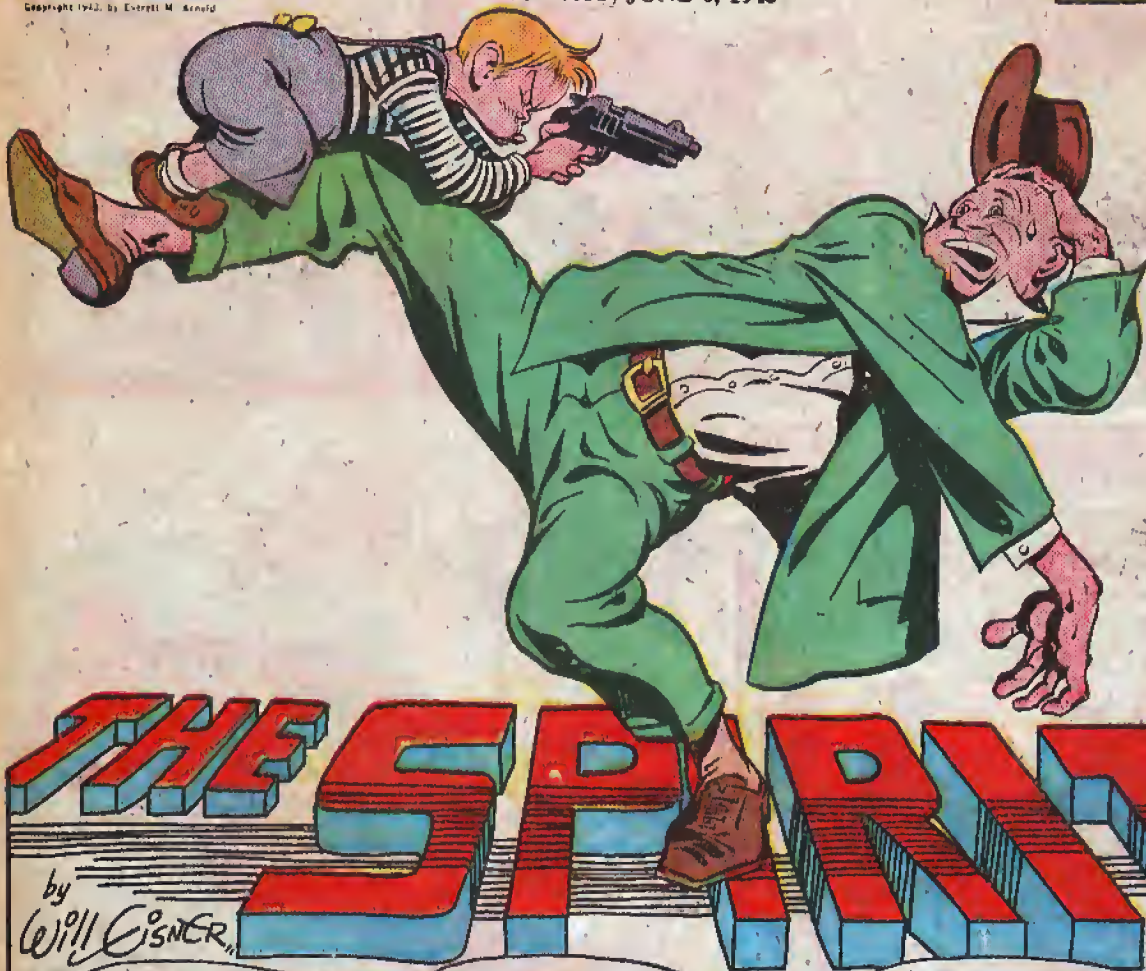


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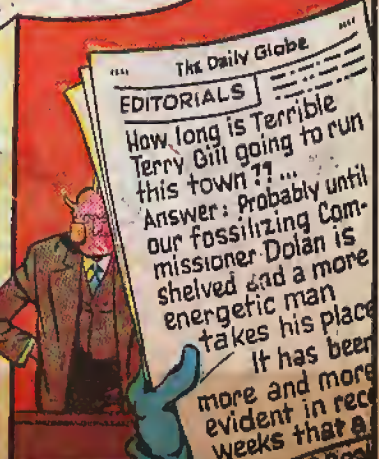


by  
*Will Eisner*

WHAT'S THE  
MATTER, DOLAN? YOU  
LOOK AS IF YOUR MOTHER-  
IN-LAW JUST NOW HIT  
TOWN!

HUH! ... AT A TIME  
LIKE THIS YOU GOTTA  
CRACK MOTHER-  
IN-LAW  
JOKES!

I GET IT! WHICH  
OF YOUR DETESTABLE  
QUALITIES IS ANNOYING  
THE PRESS  
THIS TIME?...







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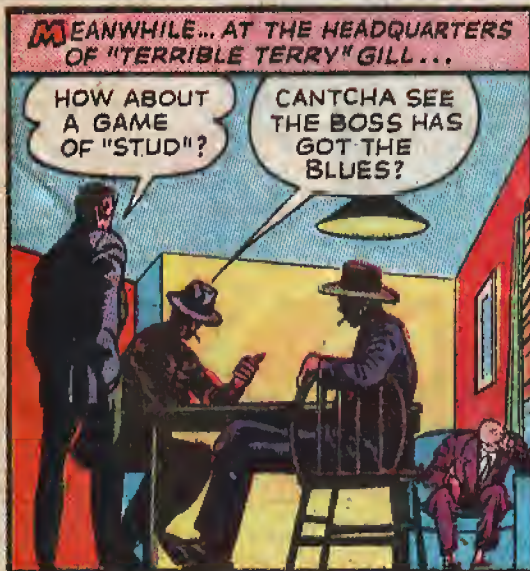


TSK! TSK!  
SUCH  
HARR-SH  
WORDS!

NEWSPAPERS AND THEIR  
SMART TALK! BAH! WHAT DO  
THEY KNOW ABOUT POLICE PROBLEMS?  
LET'S SEE THEM GET SOME TANGIBLE  
EVIDENCE ON "TERRIBLE TERRY"!  
WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO  
FOR YEARS!



TOO BAD, DOLAN! IF  
I GET AN IDEA, I'LL  
LET YOU KNOW!



MEANWHILE... AT THE HEADQUARTERS  
OF "TERRIBLE TERRY" GILL...

HOW ABOUT  
A GAME  
OF "STUD"?

CANTCHA SEE  
THE BOSS HAS  
GOT THE  
BLUES?



ANYTHING WE CAN DO  
FOR YA, BOSS? Y'KNOW  
TH' BOYS DON'T LIKE T' SEE  
YA UNHAPPY!



AW,  
G'WAN!  
GET  
OUT!

CRIPES, BOSS...  
DON'T BE MAD!  
I JUST THOUGHT  
MAYBE WE CAN  
CHEER YA UP!

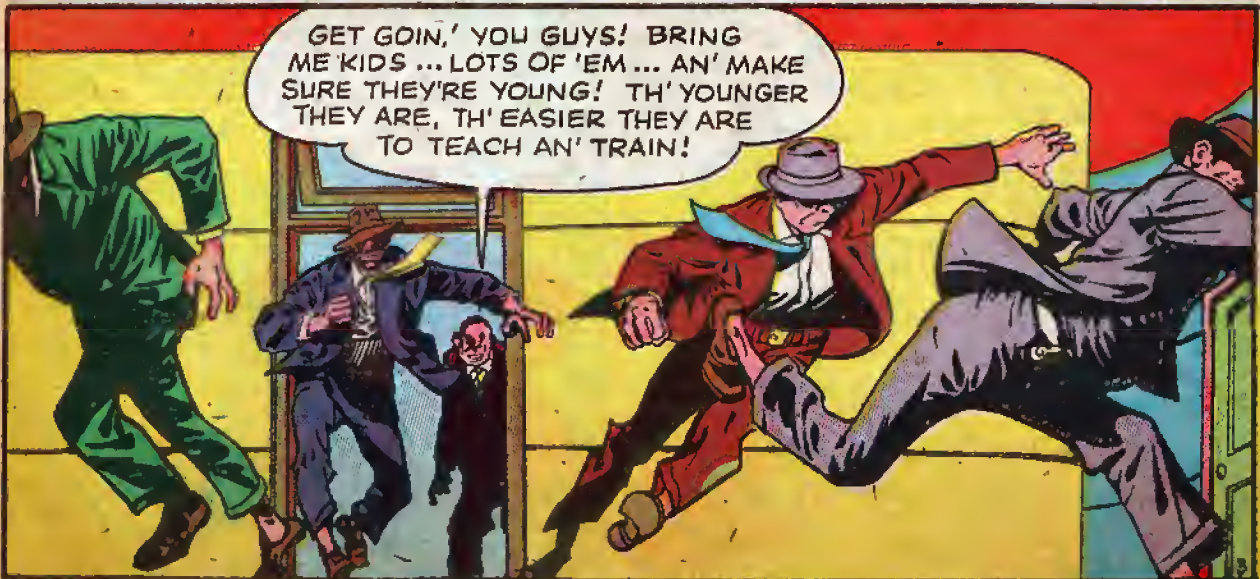


WHA...? HEY!  
THE BOSS IS  
BAWLIN' ...  
REAL TEARS!



» SNIFF » SNIFF »  
POOR BOSS! HE  
AIN'T HAPPY!

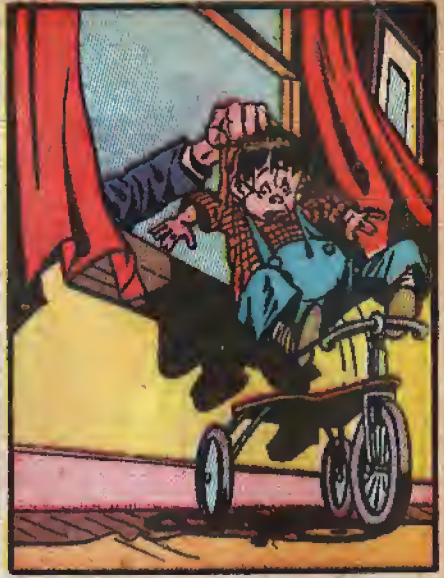






A KIDNAPPING EPIDEMIC HITS TOWN!...

C'MON, KIDS!  
YOUSE IS ABOUT  
TO START ON A  
GREAT CAREER!



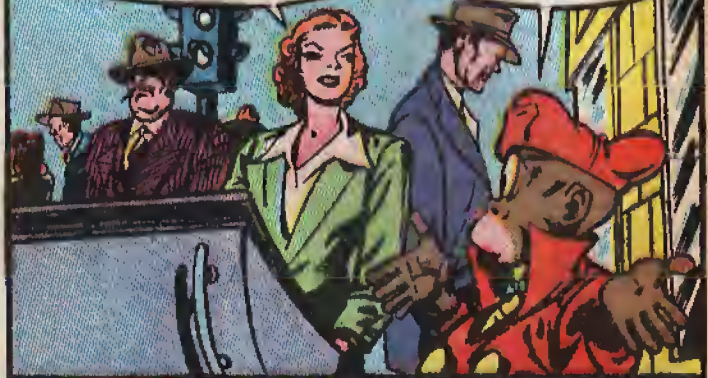
IN THE SHOPPING DISTRICT...

WONDER WHEAH DE  
SPIRIT AM! HE'S SUPPOSED  
TO MEET ME  
HEAH!



OH... LITTLE BOY... YOU  
WOULDN'T MIND KEEPING  
AN EYE ON LITTLE AUBREY  
FOR A FEW MINUTES WHILE  
I GO INTO THAT STORE,  
WOULD YOU?

WELL ... AH DON'T  
KNOW, MA'AM...  
AH AIN'T HAD  
MUCH 'SPERIENGE  
WIF DE YOUNGER  
GEN'RASHUN!...



OH ... LITTLE AUBREY'S  
NO TROUBLE AT ALL ...  
AND I'LL ONLY BE  
A FEW MINUTES ...

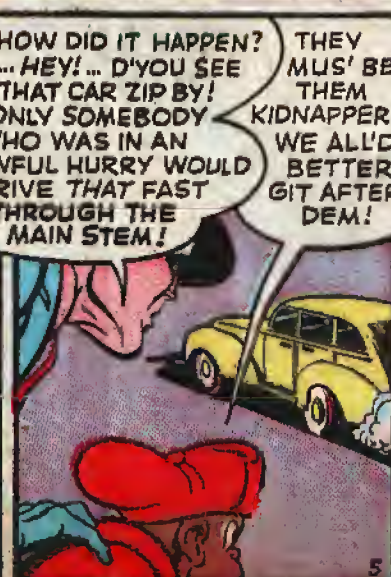
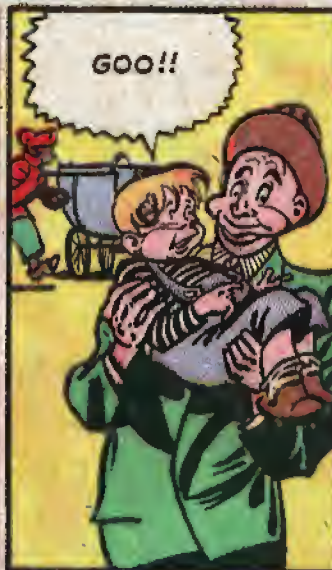
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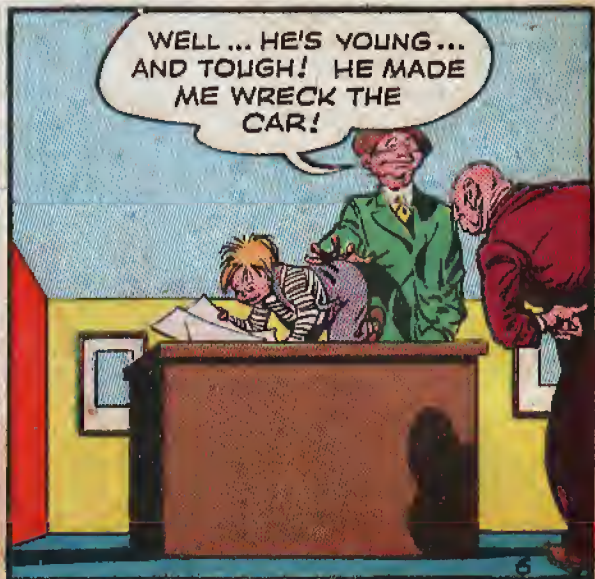
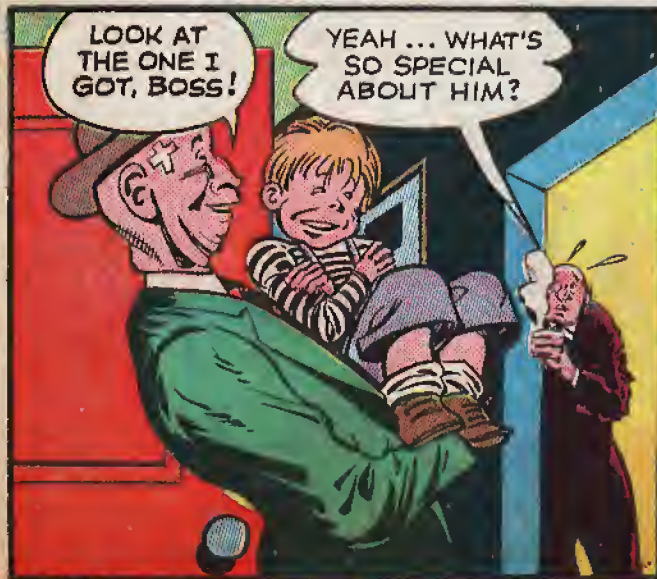
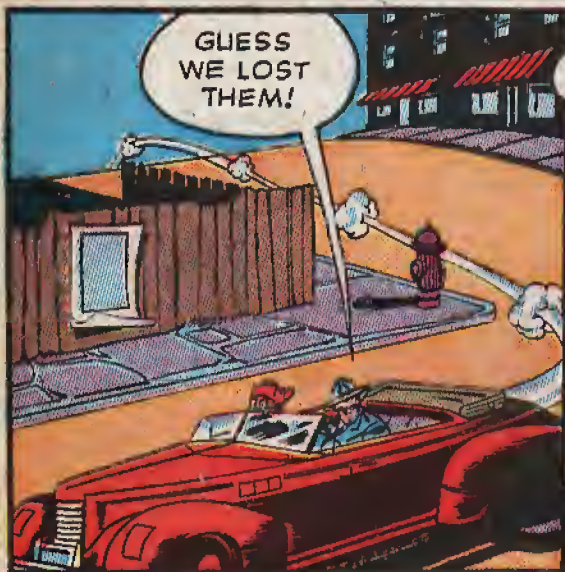
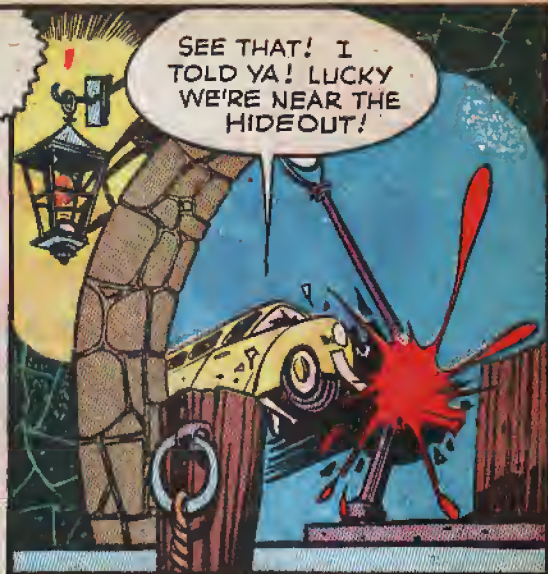
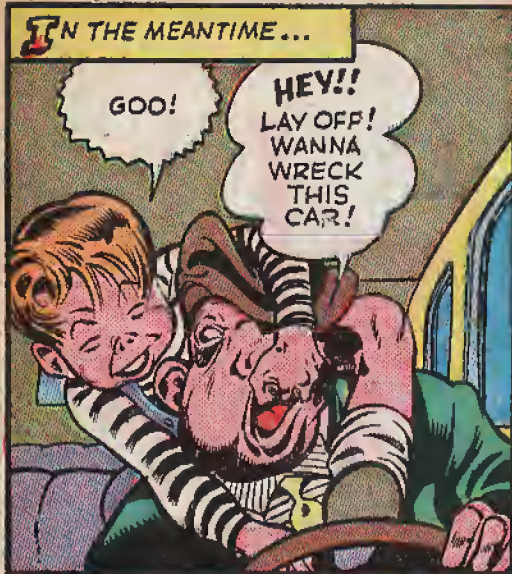
SHUCKS! ...  
THIS SHO' AM GWINE  
BE AN EMBARRASSIN'  
PREDICAMENT FO' DE  
SPIRIT TO FIND  
ME IN!



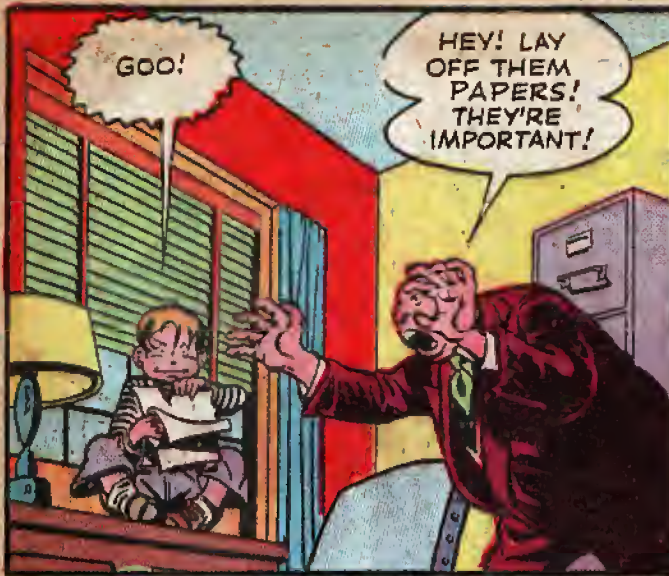




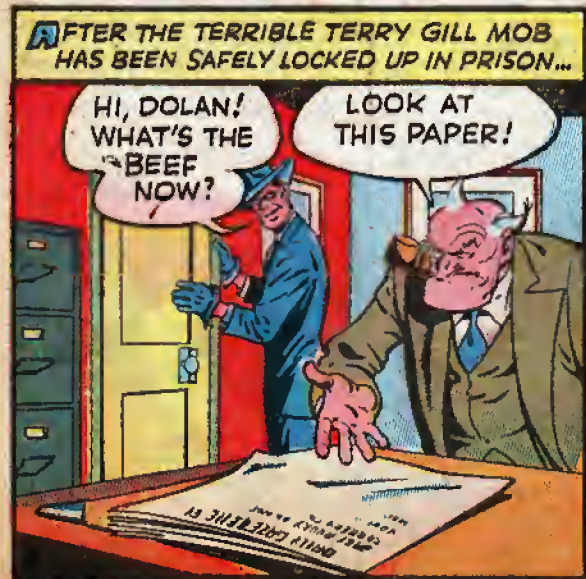
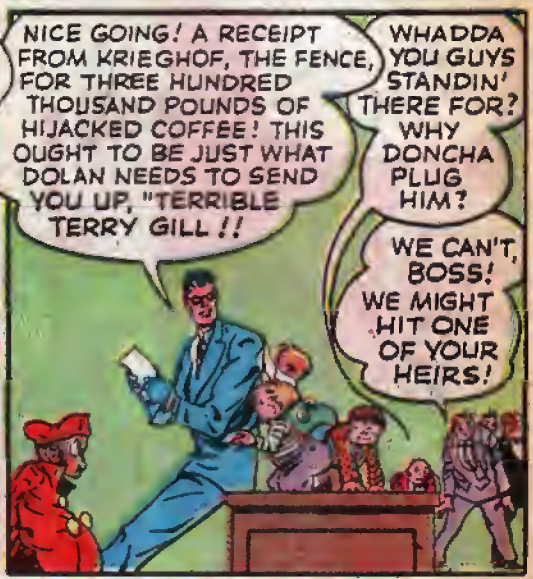








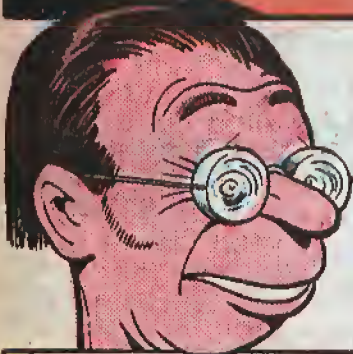
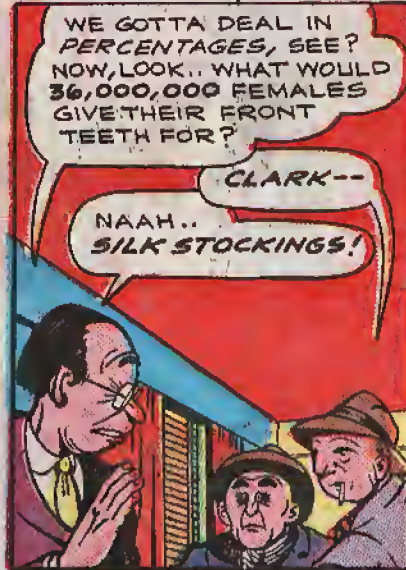
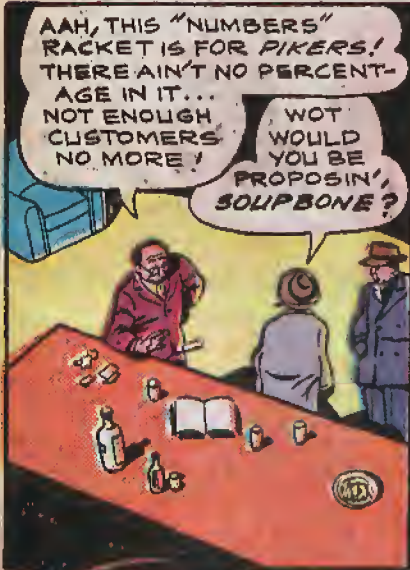




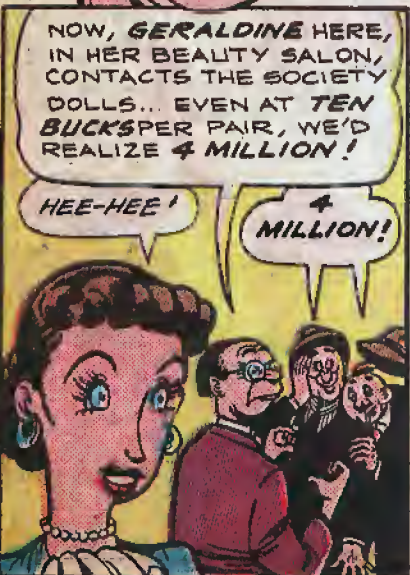


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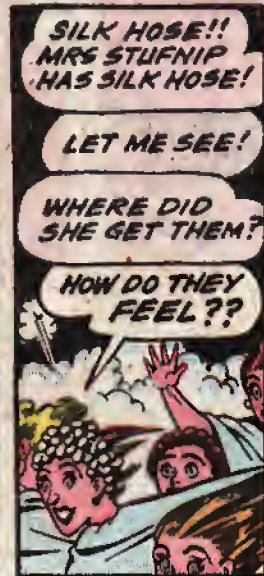
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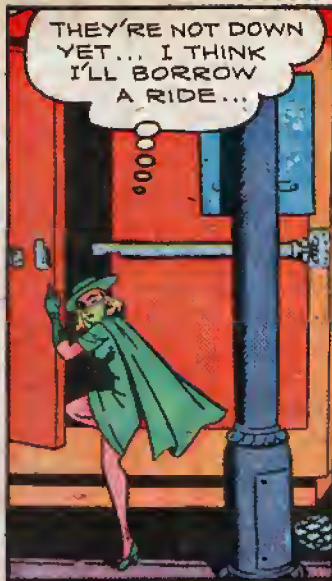
50.. IF WE WAS TO "DIVERT"  $\frac{1}{10}$  OF 1% OF THAT INTO OUR HANDS, THAT WOULD BE 122,066 LBS... ONLY A MERE PITTANCE, YA SEE? *BUT..* A STOCKING WEIGHS, LET'S SAY, 2 OUNCES... THAT'S 976,528 HOGES FOR 72,000,000 LEGS! THE DEMAND WILL BE TERRIFIC !!







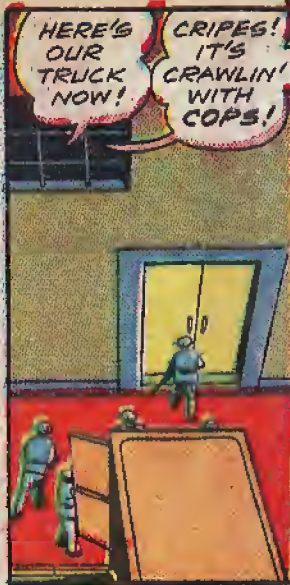








I'LL PICK UP SOME OF THE BOYS AT THE STATIONHOUSE BEFORE I RETURN TO THE BEAUTY SHOP....



HERE'S OUR TRUCK NOW!

CRIPES! IT'S CRAWLIN' WITH COPS!



AW, SOUPBONE, THIS IS A HECKUVA WAY --

SHUT UP! WOULD YA RATHER GET PINCHED? PUT 'EM ON... AN' DO LIKE I TELL YA!!



PLENTY O' HOT SILK, LADY LUCK... BUT NO HIJACKERS!



MEN?. I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY MEN GO THROUGH HERE!.



ER.. YOUR HAIR WON'T DRY IN A COLD DRYER, MADAM!

SNAP!



YOWWW



DOGGONE THESE SHOES!

I C'N HARDLY EVEN STAND UP IN 'EM!



GETTING DOLLED UP FOR A DATE WITH THE WARDEN, SOUPBONE?



WELL! AS CUTE A MOB OF THUGS AS I'VE LAID EYES ON IN A LONG TIME!





# MR. MYSTIC

S.A. POWER





THAT NIGHT ... AT A LONELY SENTRY POST...

I SHOULD BE HAVING COMPANY ANY ... AH-HA!! ... AND HERE IT COMES...



ONE ... TWO ... AND DUCK!! ... PERFECT! ... NOW TO GET TO WORK!



WHA--?? ... BY THE PROPHET'S BEARD!! ... H-HE HAS STOPPED THE SCIMITAR IN MID-AIR!! IT HANGS THERE... SUSPENDED!



SWORD OF DEATH ... I COMMAND THEE TO BRING YOUR MASTER HERE TO ME!! ... AT ONCE!!



EFFENDI!!...MERCY!! MERCY!!... O LORD AND MASTER!!... HAVE MERCY!!



AT THAT MOMENT...



SIGNOR!! ... HEY!! ... AWAKE DA OOP!!... HEY!! ... POOSH 'EM OOP!!



SALUTE!! ... I AM PASQUALE, GIOVANNI, GIUSEPPE, VINCETI, ANTONI, GOPPA... COLONEL IN IL DUCE'S ARMY ... DA BUM!!

SO WHAT?.. WHADDYA WAKE ME UP FER?... YA JERK!!



B-BUT, SIGNOR!... I AM GIVE OOP! ... I MAKE DA SURRENDER!!

OH, FER --! WILL YA QUIT BOTHERIN' ME?? GO ON! ... HIT TH' ROAD!! BAIL OUT!!



OH, SIGNOR... PLEASE!!  
PLEASE!! YOU MUST A  
MAKE DA CAPTURE! I DON'  
WANNA FIGHT A NO MORE!

OKAY! ... OKAY!  
COME BACK IN  
THE MORNING  
AND I'LL CAP-  
TURE YOU!!

OH, GRAZZIA! MANY  
DA THANKS! ER--CAN  
BRINGA MY BROTHER,  
TOO??:...

Q#!!☆☆!!  
YES!! YES!!  
BRING THE  
WHOLE EYETALIAN  
ARMY, BUT  
LEMME  
SLEEP!

SEVERAL HOURS LATER...

WELL ... SHIEKH IBN BEY!! ...YOU! ...  
FOR SHAME! ... I THOUGHT YOU WERE  
THE ALLIES' FRIEND!

WHY DID YOU BEFRIEND  
THE TREACHEROUS  
NAZI? ...

BELIEVE  
ME, FRIEND...  
I HAD TO ... TO  
SAVE MY TRIBE!!

IF I DID NOT, THEY WOULD HAVE  
EXTERMINATED US ... AND  
SOON THE ALLIES WILL BE  
THROWN OUT OF AFRICA  
AND THE HUN WILL  
BE MASTER!

WHAT? ...  
WHO TOLD  
YOU THAT THE  
NAZIS WERE WINNING  
THE WAR?!!

BAH!! ... IS THAT NOT ENOUGH?  
DO THEY NOT BRING THEIR  
PRISONERS HERE TO SHOW US  
HOW WELL THEY ARE  
DOING?!! BAH!! ...  
BAH!!!

OH! ... PRINCESS ALITA!!  
HELLO!!

KISMET HAS DELIVERED  
YOU TO US! ... YOU  
MUST PREVENT FATHER  
FROM DESTROYING US,  
ALL!!

POOR FATHER!! ... JUST BECAUSE  
HE HASN'T SEEN THE PRISONERS  
YOU ALLIES HAVE TAKEN, HE  
THINKS YOU HAVEN'T ANY... AND  
THAT YOU ARE LOSING  
THE WAR! ... HE  
MUST BE SET  
RIGHT!

LISTEN!! ... IF I BROUGHT SOME  
OF OUR PRISONERS AND SHOWED  
HIM, MAYBE HE'D  
FIGHT WITH  
US AGAIN!!

I'M SURE OF  
IT!! ... BUT YOU  
MUST HURRY, FOR  
TOMORROW THE  
COUNCIL MEETS TO  
DECLARE WAR!!



DAWN ... THE NEXT MORNING ...

HEY!! ... SOLDIER! WAKE UP!! ... QUICK! MAN! ... I NEED SOME PRISONERS! WHERE CAN I GET THEM?...



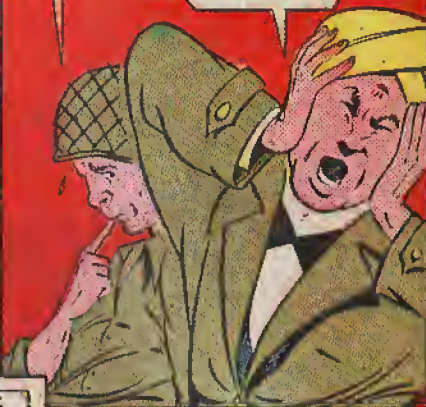
G-GOSH! ... WE JUST SHIPPED ALL OF OURS AWAY! THERE'S NOT ... WAIT !!! ... A GINZO COLONEL WANTED TO SURRENDER LAST NIGHT AND ---

GOOD! ... WHERE IS HE?!!



I -- GULP -- I WUZ TOO TIRED TUH CAPTURE 'IM -- SO I TOLD 'IM TUH COME BACK THIS MORNIN'...

OWWWWWW! OH! ... YOU FOOL! YOU DOPE !!



PSST! ... HEY! PLEASE! HERE WE IS ... I NO COULD GET DA WHOLE ARMY ... BUT I GET DA MOST OF 'EM! YOU CAPTURE US NOW "YES??"



YES!! ... GRAB 'EM, BOY, AN' LET'S COME ON! WE GO, TOO!



THREE HOURS LATER ...

I TELL YOU, FATHER, YOU'RE MAKING A MISTAKE! LOOK! HERE'S SOME CAPTIVES!! LISTEN TO THEM!



YOU MAKE DA BET, SHIEKH! ... ROMMEL PFUI!! ... HE'S A ALL FINISH! ... IL DUCE ... PFUI!! HE'S A FINISH! ... ALLIES WIN A DA WAR QUICK! ... I NO MAKE DA JOKE!



EFFENDI, MYSTIC!! WE BEG FORGIVENESS! WE WERE MADE FOOLS BY FEAR! BUT FROM NOW ON THE TRIBES OF BHARKOUM SWEAR ALLEGIANCE TO THE ALLIES!!



SO I SLEPT ALL NIGHT ... SO WHAT? ... IT PREVENTED A WAR, DIDN'T IT? ... HUH?!!

